

North Carolina Weatherization Waiver FFY2018

Households Served and Energy Assistance provided

FFY 2017 (Household report and Grantee Survey)	
LIHEAP Grant Award	\$99,194,110
Households Served	181,253

FFY 2018 (estimated)	
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Request Narrative

The total obligated percentages for weatherization includes 11.69% for weatherization and 6.22% for HARRP totaling 17.91%. North Carolina requests the increase of the weatherization funds from 11.69% to 17.91%, which includes Weatherization and HARRP. This is an increase of 2.91% above the 15%.

Weatherization Assistance

The Weatherization Program provides funds to local community action agencies, units of local government, private non-profits and Councils of Government for the purchase and installation of materials such as ceiling, wall and floor insulation, caulking and weather stripping, energy efficient refrigerators where applicable, mechanical ventilation fans and crawl space vapor barriers on homes of low income families, particularly the elderly and handicapped, to make homes more efficient, reduce monthly utility costs and provide a healthier living environment. The Weatherization Assistance program (WAP) uses a priority lists and/or computerized household modeling to determine the measures to be installed. To pass, the measure must exceed a savings-to-invest ratio (SIR) of 1 whereby energy savings are equal to or greater than the life cycle costs of the measure.

Eligibility

Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) guidelines specify households with income at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty level. Heating and Air Repair and Replacement Program (HARRP) current guidelines specify households with Income at or below 150 percent of the Federal Poverty level. On October 1, 2017 the HARRP guidelines changed to 200 percent.

Benefit Levels

	2018	2019
Weatherization	7100	7100
HARRP	6500	6500

Opening and Closing Dates

Applications are taken year-round from 07/01/2017 to 06/30/2018.

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Outreach Efforts

Posters/Flyers are placed in local Social Services offices, Offices of Aging and Social Security throughout the fiscal year in each of the service areas. In addition, social media is used to obtain greater exposure for the program in areas that are remote or for individuals who may not have seen posters or flyers. Weatherization Day (October 30) is also used for various outreach activities (i.e. weatherization fairs, site demonstrations, etc.) Implementing partners attend local community outreach fairs and programs. Low Income assistance organizations work together to perform outreach to targeted groups who are in need of all low-income services. This includes presentations, listservs, and common office space occupation. Applicants are informed by eligibility technicians about the availability of all LIHEAP assistance programs at the time of application for assistance.

Public Review and Comment

A public announcement went out on March 12, 2018, via a press release from the Office of Communications, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. The waiver

request was published on the DHHS website and available at the DHHS office at 820 S Boylan Ave, Raleigh, NC 27630 from March 19-23, 2018. A public hearing was held March 23, 2018, noon -1p.m. for the public to have an opportunity to comment on the proposed increased fund allocation for weatherization up to 25 percent. No one attended the public hearing, requested to view the waiver or submitted any comments via mail to Wayne Black.

Waiver Request

North Carolina requests a waiver to increase the percentage of LIHEAP funds spent on Weatherization and Other Energy Related Home Repair and Improvements up to 25 percent.